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- At 1 p.m. on 17 June 1953, trucks [redacted] were seen leaving Neues Lager, Koenigsbrueck, toward Dresden. From 1:30 p.m. to about 3:30 p.m., a column of trucks [redacted] occupied by troops and including at least 35 trucks towing 120-mm mortars, went toward Dresden and/or to the autobahn toward Berlin. During the night on 17 June, the remaining troops allegedly left the training area without passing Koenigsbrueck. 25X1
- [redacted] the troops stationed in the Nachrichtenschule did not march out. The installation was occupied by about 1,000 troops, most of which were recruits wearing red-bordered black epaulets and including about 30 to 40 percent with tank insignia. At 9:30 a.m., two groups of each 50 soldiers and 3 officers marched out, proceeding toward the Aue training area. Firing of rifles was subsequently heard from the training area. Three T-34 tanks were seen at driving practice in the terrain. At about 2 p.m. on 22 June, about 120 troops engaged in basic training in the installation. Two groups, each of 15 soldiers, practiced advancing in the terrain. At about 8 p.m. on 25 June, trucks [redacted] occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and steel helmets and armed with rifles, were seen en route to the installation. On 25 June, intensive air activity was observed over the Koenigsbrueck area. Between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. twin aircraft in formations of three were flying over the town and the training area at 30-minute intervals and an altitude of about 300 meters. At 6:20 a.m. on 28 June, three T-34 tanks from the installation went toward Aue. On 1 July, firing with rifles was heard from the Aue area throughout the day. At 6 a.m. on 4 July, about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and gasmasks were seen leaving the barracks installation in Hoeckendorf. At about 7:30 p.m., driving school trucks [redacted] were seen entering the installation, coming from the direction of the training area. 25X1
- The Altes Lager was occupied as previously by a guard and fatigue detail of about 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 1 July, trucks [redacted] loaded with gasoline cans, left Altes Lager. After 2 p.m. on 24 June, artillery firing was heard from the direction of Neues Lager. Twelve reports were heard within two hours. [redacted] during the night on 2 July, tanks moved on Highway No 97 through Ottendorf-Okrilla, coming from the autobahn from the direction of Berlin and proceeding toward Koenigsbrueck. The tanks damaged the tracks of the Dresden-Koenigsbrueck railroad line, whereupon trains in both directions were late. At 6:30 a.m., truck [redacted] was seen at a clearing between forest sections apparently as a traffic control point. 25X1

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the tanks which had arrived during the night, had passed this clearing on their way to Neues Lager. Between 10 a.m. and noon, trucks were seen entering Neues Lager. They had come from the direction of Dresden.<sup>4</sup>

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1. Comment. These data confirm a report according to which the units of the 11th Gds Tank Div employed in Dresden left on 17 and 18 June and, with the 40th Gds Tank Regt. returned between 1 and 3 July. The columns seen en route toward the autobahn are rather safely believed to have belonged to the 8th Gds Mecz Div, from which, after its employment at its garrisons, five return shipments to Koenigsbrueck had been reported on 2 and 3 July.

2. Comment. The Nachrichten Schule, among other units, quarters the 44th Gds Tank Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div.

In connection with information in the present report, this tends to indicate that the regiment had remained in its quarters. The vehicles which entered the installation on 25 June, belonged to the 4th Gds AAA Div.

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